

Original Journal. manners in all persons first to treat & interceed before they presume to make any peremptory result in a case of soe high a Nature as this may be.

13. Wee cannot omitt to represent to your Ex^{ncie} that the very last Assembly held in the time of the late dec^d Gov^r Anno 1692: It was then put to the Vote of a full house whether the holding of Courts and Assemblies at Sn^t Maries were a greivance or not and carried in the Negative.

14 At w^{ch} time Wee humbly conceive that house did well consider all difficulties as well as the vast charge and Expence they already had been at (to noe purpose if the Courts &^{ca} should be removed) as alsoe what must Necessarily follow (and it may be to as little purpose) in building of New Courts & Offices in other places and makeing provisions for the holding and keeping the same, besides the hazard and casualties of removeing & transporting the Records from one place to another of which already some Experience hath been had.

15 To remoove some Scruple & Objection and (as wee humbly conceive) the Maine one that hath been made against the conveniency of the place that the Gentlemen the members of the house haue been forced to their great Trouble oftentimes to travell on foote from Pottuxen to Sn^t Maries and soe back again.

p. 56 It is humbly proposed and we doe Offer to obleige our selves forthwith and soe soone as possibly workemen and Materialls can be provided for the greater Ease and Conveniency of all persons at such times as also at all other times, to provide and procure a coach or carvan or both to goe in all times of publick meeteings of Assemblies and provinciall Courts &^{ca} every day daily betweene Sn^t Maries & pottuxen River and at all other times once a weeke and also to keep constantly half a dozen horses at least with Suitable furniture for any person or persons haveing occasion to ride post or otherwise with or without a guide to any part of the province on the Western Shore.

16 That the Scituation of the place being not in the Center of the province and consequently not soe convenient for some persons to apply to. Wee hope the proposeall aboue may somewhat mitigate that Objection besides Wee humbly rep^r-sent Even the place of our Nativity the Kingdom of England and the Imperiall Court their held in the City of London, as farr from the Center of England, as Sn^t Maries in this Province Boston in New England Port Royall in Jamacia James Towne in Virginia and almost all other their Maj^{ties} American plantations where are still kept and continued in their first antient Stations & places the Chiefe Seat of Governm^t and Courts of Judicature.